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7th International Defense Industry Fair in Ankara

1. The 7th International Defense Industry Fair (IDEF - the bi-annual Turkish defense fair) was held on September 27-30 in Ankara. Four hundred thirty-one companies from 52 countries participated in the fair. Twenty-one American companies had stands in IDEF: Boeing, Bren-Tronics, CPS, EOTECH, Harris Corp, Herley Industries, Hoover Industries, KVH Industries, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Rockwell Collins, Symetrics Industries, Tooele Army Depot, United Technologies, Pratt & Whitney, Sikorsky and American Turkish Council (ATC). Companies from Bangladesh, Chile, Egypt, Finland, Greece, India, Iran, Ireland, Jordan, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea and Tatarstan participated in the IDEF for the first time. Many high level officials from different countries visited IDEF, including 8 defense ministers (Azerbaijan, Moldova, UK, Italy, Congo, Pakistan, Morocco and Chile), 4 deputy defense ministers (Bosnia, Malaysia, Ukraine and Greece), 3 Chiefs of General Staff (Qatar, Kyrgyzstan and Moldova) and 4 undersecretaries (Germany, Croatia, Pakistan and Italy). Turkish Defense Minister Vecdi Gonul received official and unofficial visitors in an office dedicated to him in the fair area during the course of IDEF.

2. Turkish Undersecretariat for Defense Industries (SSM) signed contracts with total value of close to 1 billion USD during IDEF. American companies signed the following contracts:

- Northrop Grumman Corp signed a cooperation agreement of \$820K with the Turkish Kalekalip Defense Aviation company for the production of MESA radar and integral identification and IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) by Kalekalip.
- Northrop Grumman signed a contract with Turkish Mikes for the production of power-conditioning electronics for the early design phases of Northrop Grumman's CNI avionics system (Communications, Navigations and Identification.)
- Pratt and Whitney and Turkish Alp Aviation signed a contract for the purchase of components for the F-135 engine in the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF).
- Pratt and Whitney and Kalekalip Defense Aviation signed a purchase order for critical hardware of the F135 engine for the JSF.
- Turkish Hema Industry signed a cooperation agreement with CPS, Textron, the Finish Patria and British Horstman.
- Colt Defense signed a contract with the Turkish Sarsilmaz Co to produce M4 infantry weapons in Duzce/Turkey.

3. Eurofighter used IDEF to further its campaign to convince Turkey to select the Typhoon in place of/in addition to the F35 JSF as part of the Turkish Air Forces modernization program. At a Sept. 26 press conference, Giovanni Bertolone (Alenia Aeronautic CEO) confirmed an invitation to Turkey to become the 5th Eurofighter partner for the manufacture of parts for the aircraft and for the development of new technologies.

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4. Congo: Turkey and the Republic of the Congo signed on Sept. 28 a "Framework Agreement on Military Training, Technical & Scientific Cooperation" and an "Agreement on Military Training". Turkey has signed similar agreements with 46 countries.

5. South Korea: Turkish Defense Minister Vecdi Gonul met with South Korea's National Defense Minister Kwang-Woong

Yoon on September 2 (The semi-governmental Anatolian News Agency).

16. Albania: Turkey signed an agreement on TAF assistance to the Albanian Army on September 6. As reported by the Anatolian News Agency in late September, Turkey donated military equipment and supplies worth 1.3 million USD to the Albanian Army.

17. Netherlands: TGS CHOD General Hilmi Ozkok met with Dutch Defense Chief of Staff General Dick Berlijn in Ankara on September 21. No information on the subject of their meeting was made public.

18. Chile: On the occasion of the Chilean Defense Minister's visit to IDEF, Turkey and Chile signed an agreement to open military attach offices in both countries. Turkey will also start training Chilean F16 pilots in 2006 (The English News Anatolian).

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19. Sikorsky's Vice President Joseph Gigantelli stated that Sikorsky considers Turkey an anchor country for Black Hawk helicopters. Indicating that Sikorsky intends to bid on the 52 helicopter tender (32 for the Turkish Armed Forces and 20 for the Forestry Service) announced by the Undersecretariat for Defense Industries (SSM), Gigantelli suggested that, if Sikorsky wins the tender, it would launch joint production of the Black Hawk helicopters in Turkey together with the Turkish company TAI (Tusas Aerospace Industries)(center-left daily Radikal).

110. Aselsan signed a USD 500K contract with TAF (Turkish Armed Forces) for the manufacture of electronic war systems for 281 helicopters and 2 cargo planes in the TAF's inventory. (centrist daily Milliyet).

111. Roketsan's General Manager Huseyin Baysak announced that Roketsan has developed the capability to produce all types of long-range missiles. Roketsan was the first company to provide TAF with long-range anti-tank missiles and is developing long-range plans to provide the full range of missiles to the TAF (leftist daily Cumhuriyet).

112. Aselsan obtained a certificate of proficiency for its 'Volkan protection system,' which was developed for electronic modernization of the TAF-owned Leopard-1 tanks (leftist daily Cumhuriyet).

113. TAI signed two protocols with SSM for 'Conceptual Design Studies toward Development of a Primary and Basic Training Aircraft' and 'Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Platform Development'.

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